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## In the Claims:

## 1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A method comprising: receiving data corresponding to an image, the image including a depiction of text; recognizing at least some of said depicted text; and encoding a watermark in said image, said watermark serving to associate said image with said recognized text.

## 4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 in which said recognizing includes recognizing by an automated OCR process.

## 6-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) A method of augmenting image data collected by a security monitoring camera, comprising:

analyzing a frame of image data from said security monitoring camera for text information depicted therein; and

digitally watermarking said image data;

wherein said digital watermark associates the image data with the text information.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the frame of image data includes a depiction of a vehicle license plate, and said text information comprises text on said license plate.

10. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

receiving an electronic document, the document comprising a graphical representation of text, but not including ASCII data corresponding thereto;

analyzing said document for text information using an OCR process; and digitally watermarking said electronic document;

wherein said digital watermark associates the electronic document with the text information.

- 11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 in which the electronic document comprises FAX data.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 in which the electronic document comprises a PDF document.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 in which receiving an electronic document comprises scanning a paper document on a platen, and producing graphical data corresponding thereto.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein said digital watermark directly encodes the electronic document with at least some of said text information.
- 15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 that includes storing the text information in a data repository, and wherein the digital watermark associates the electronic document with said information in the data repository.
  - 16. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising: a scanner for producing scan data corresponding to an original document; an OCR engine for recognizing text from said scan data; and

a watermarker that alters an output from said apparatus to encode a watermark therein, the watermark serving to associate said output with said stored text.

- 17. (Previously Presented) A photocopier according to claim 16 wherein the output comprises a hardcopy page, and said watermark serves as a pointer to a memory location in which said recognized text is stored.
- 18. (Previously Presented) A photocopier according to claim 16, wherein the output comprises a hardcopy page, and said watermark serves to directly encode at least a portion of said recognized text in said output.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 that includes storing said recognized text in a data repository, and wherein said watermark serves as to associate said image with said stored text.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 wherein said watermark serves to directly encode at least a portion of said recognized text in said image.
- 21. (Canceled) The method of claim 6 in which the decoded digital watermark comprises said text.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein said digital watermark indicates the location of the stored text information in said data repository.
- 23. (New) The method of claim 3 in which said encoding follows said recognizing.
- 24. (New) The method of claim 8 in which said analyzing comprises performing an OCR process on said depicted text information.